

U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Kerry O'Brien
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ or None ☒  
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 12/13/14 Return: 12/21/14  
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ or None ☒
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Tel Aviv, Israel Return city: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The American Israel Education Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Daily meetings with journalists, activists, Parliament staff and cultural representatives to discuss and better understand the US-Israel relationship.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
  - a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
  - b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
  - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; **and**
  - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box): ☒  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: Kerry O'Brien DATE: 1/05/15

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Garrett Donovan DATE: 1/05/15

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: [Signature]

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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. ***A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Israel
3. Date of Departure: December 13, 2014 Date of Return: December 21, 2014
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Please see attached  
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$2,030.87	\$1,595.00	\$824.01	\$2,397.37 (breakdown attached)
Accompanying Relative	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Signature]

Name: Richard Fishman Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

Address: 251 H Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Email Address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

#### **4) Names of Travelers**

1. Piper Crowell, Legislative Director, Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)
2. Sean Duggan, Military Legislative Assistant, Rep. Niki Tsongas (D-MA)
3. Walter Gonzales, Legislative Director, Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)
4. Donnica Hawes-Saunders, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH)
5. Rachel Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT)
6. Patrick Large, Legislative Director, Rep. Steven Palazzo (R-MS)
7. Miguel Mendoza, Legislative Director, Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)
8. Kerry O'Brien, Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Bill Keating (D-MA)
9. Dan Roth, Communications Director, Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)
10. Dan Sadlosky, Policy Advisor, Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA)
11. Tom Stewart, Legislative Director, Rep. Elizabeth Esty (D-CT)
12. James Walsh, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Ted Yoho (R-FL)
13. James Zumwalt, Military Legislative Advisor, Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL)

**American Israel Education Foundation  
Educational Seminar in Israel  
U.S. Congressional Staff  
December 13-21, 2014**

**Breakdown of Other Expenses**

Security: \$1,125 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$351.85 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$211.58 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Tour Guide/Driver/Security Hotels: \$187.21 per person

Tour Guide/Driver/Security/Speaker Meals: \$175.38 per person

Room Rentals: \$154.73 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Tips: \$60.59 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

Entrance Fees: \$58.61 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Transportation for tour of Syrian/Israel border \$40 per person

Other: \$32.32 per person

-Water, snacks

-Briefing materials

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Kerry O'Brien
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): American Israel Education Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): Israel
4. a. Date of departure 12/13/2014 Date of return: 12/21/2014  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes:  
(1) Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.  
As Senior Legislative Assistant, Kerry advises Rep. Keating directly on national security concerns and foreign policy as it pertains to his role on the House Committees on Foreign Affairs and Homeland Security.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ☒ No

10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 11/13/14

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Employing Member

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**PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM**

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): \_\_\_\_\_  
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ or
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds ☐ or
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☐If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
Please see attached
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of departure: December 13, 2014 Date of return: December 21, 2014
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.  
b. Destination(s): Israel  
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box): ☒

11. Check one:

a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒ or

b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the fundamental purpose of educating policy makers and opinion leaders about the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing and funding all aspects of this trip.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
n/a

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or

b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
\$114

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate congressional staff about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Inbal City: Jerusalem Cost per night: \$273; \$347 FRI

Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability

Hotel name: Sheraton City: Tel Aviv Cost per night: \$282

Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability

Hotel name: Nof Ginosar City: Tiberias Cost per night: \$197

Reason(s) for selecting: location and affordability

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1,872.50 (air & ground)	\$1,654	\$800
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a	n/a

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2,050	Please see attached for breakdown
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a

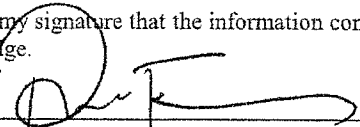
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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ *or*  
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Richard Fishman

Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

Telephone number: (202) 639-5233

Email address: rfishman@aiefdn.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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**Breakdown of Other Expenses**

Security: \$900 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$350 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$182.50 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Tour Guide/Driver/Security Hotels: \$150 per person

Room Rentals: \$102.50 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Other: \$97.50 per person

-Water, snacks

-Briefing materials

Tour Guide/Driver/Security/Speaker Meals: \$90 per person

Tips: \$75 per person

-It is customary to tip the driver and tour guide that accompany trip participants.

Transportation for individualized tour of Syrian/Israel border \$40 per person

Airport Assistance: \$37.50

-AIEF uses a service upon arrival and departure to assist with passport and luggage issues at the airport

Entrance Fees: \$25 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

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Ms. Kerry O'Brien  
Office of the Honorable William Keating  
315 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel, scheduled for December 13 to 21, 2014, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$375 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$375] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

Ms. Kerry O'Brien

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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Michael Conaway". The signature is stylized, with the first name "K." and the last name "Conaway" clearly legible.

K. Michael Conaway  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda T. Sanchez". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Linda" and the last name "Sanchez" clearly legible.

Linda T. Sanchez  
Ranking Member

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House Invitees

TITLE	FIRST	LAST	STAFF FIRST	STAFF LAST	ETHICS
Rep.	Joyce	Beatty	Donnica	Hawes-Saunders	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Joyce Beatty. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Mario	Diaz-Balart	Miguel	Mendoza	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, a member of the relevant Appropriations Committee.
Rep.	Elizabeth	Esty	Tom	Stewart	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Elizabeth Esty. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
Rep.	Chaka	Fattah	Jared	Bass	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Chaka Fattah, a member of the relevant Appropriations Committee.
Rep.	Jim	Himes	Rachel	Kelly	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Jim Himes. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Jared	Huffman	Piper	Crowell	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Jared Huffman. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Darrell	Issa	Veronica	Wong	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Darrell Issa. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Marcy	Kaptur	Allison	Jarus	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Marcy Kaptur, a member of the relevant Appropriations Committee.
Rep.	Bill	Keating	Kerry	O'Brien	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Bill Keating, a member of the relevant Foreign Affairs and Homeland Security Committee.
Rep.	David	McKinley	Devon	Seibert	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. David McKinley, a member of Congress. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep.	Jeff	Miller	James	Zumwalt	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Jeff Miller, a member of the relevant Armed Services Committee.

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Rep. Steven	Palazzo	Patrick	Large	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Steven Palazzo, a member of the relevant Armed Services and Homeland Security Committee.
Rep. Dutch	Ruppersberger	Walter	Gonzales	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger, a member of Congress. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
Rep. Steve	Scalise	Dan	Sadlosky	Handles foreign policy issues for Majority Whip Steve Scalise. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue areas.
Rep. Bill	Shuster	Sean	Joyce	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Bill Shuler, a member of the relevant Armed Services Committee.
Rep. Mark	Takano	Julia	Steinberger	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Mark Takano. AIEF strives to provide educational programming to all Congressional staff that work in relevant issue fields.
Rep. Niki	Tsongas	Sean	Duggan	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Niki Tsongas, a member of the relevant Armed Services Committee.
Rep. Ted	Yoho	James	Walsh	Handles foreign policy issues for Rep. Ted Yoho, a member of the relevant Foreign Affairs Committee.

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Itinerary

**Saturday, December 13, 2014**

5:45 PM Depart Washington, D.C.  
  
7:09 PM Arrive Newark  
  
10:45 PM Depart Newark

**Sunday, December 14, 2014**

4:20 PM Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport  
Transfer to Jerusalem  
  
6:30 PM Check in to the Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem  
  
7:45 PM Depart for Dinner  
  
8:00 PM *Welcome and Orientation*  
- at Spoons  
  
8:30 PM *State of the Nation*  
Opening Dinner with David Horovitz  
Founding Editor, *The Times of Israel*  
-at Spoons  
  
10:00 PM *Shalom Jerusalem – Introduction to the History of Jerusalem*  
Walking Tour  
  
10:30 PM Overnight at the Inbal Jerusalem

**Monday, December 15, 2014**

7:45 AM Breakfast is served  
  
8:00 AM *Israel's Political Map*  
Breakfast with Gil Hoffman  
Chief Political Correspondent and Analyst, *The Jerusalem Post*  
- at the hotel  
  
9:15 AM Depart for strategic tour of Jerusalem

9:45 AM	<i>Strategic Tour of Jerusalem, Part One</i> Historic and Holy Basin, including City of David
12:30 PM	Lunch at Golden Panoramic
1:30 PM	Depart
2:00 PM	<i>Strategic Tour of Jerusalem, Part Two</i> Post-1967 Neighborhoods and Security barrier
3:30 PM	Depart
4:00 PM	<i>Democracy in Action: Meeting with Members of Knesset</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dov Lipman, Yesh Atid</li> <li>• Staf Shafir, Labor</li> <li>• Ayelet Shaked, Bayit Yehudi</li> </ul> -at the Knesset
5:15 PM	Depart for hotel
7:00 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30 PM	<i>Israel Democracy at Work</i> Dinner with Knesset Staffers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hanita Hefetz, Bayit Yehudi (The Honorable Shuli Mualem)</li> <li>▪ Amalia Schreier, Yesh Atid (The Honorable Aliza Lavie)</li> <li>▪ Ori Wertman, Labor (The Honorable Isaac Herzog)</li> </ul> - at Darna
9:30 PM	Overnight at the Inbal Jerusalem Prepare for next day's departure

**Tuesday, December 16, 2014**

7:30 AM	Check out
7:45 AM	Breakfast on own at the hotel
8:30 AM	Depart for Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum
8:45 AM	<i>Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust</i> Guided Tour of Yad Vashem
11:00 AM	Depart

11:30 AM     *Hand in Hand*  
Visit to Yad b'Yad (Hand in Hand),  
Bilingual School for Jewish and Arab students

1:00 PM     Depart for the American Colony Hotel

1:30 PM     *The Palestinian Perspective*  
Lunch with Representatives of the Palestinian Authority  
- at the American Colony Hotel

2:45 PM     Depart

3:15 PM     *A View from the Prime Minister's Office*  
Meeting with Mark Regev, Chief Spokesman, Prime Minister of Israel  
- at Crowne Plaza hotel

4:15 PM     *A View into the Palestinian Street*  
Coffee with Eran Zinger  
Arab Affairs Analyst, Israel Radio  
- at Crowne Plaza hotel

5:30 PM     Meeting ends / depart for Tel Aviv

6:45 PM     Check in to the Sheraton Hotel, Tel Aviv

7:45 PM     Depart for dinner

8:00 PM     *Start-up Nation*  
Dinner With  

- Ariel Beri, CEO, MobileOCT
- Tzameret Fuerst, Chief Executive Officer, PrePex
- Erez Na'aman, Engineering and Business Development, OrCam
- Sivan Yaari, Founder and President of Innovation: Africa

- at Deca

9:30 PM     Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv

**Wednesday, December 17, 2014**

7:45 AM     Breakfast on own

8:30 AM     Depart

9:00 AM     *People to People Connections*  
Visit and Briefing at The Peres Center for Peace  
-Peres Peace House, Jaffa

10:30 AM	Depart/ travel south
11:45 AM	<i>Strategic tour of Israel's border with the Gaza Strip</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overlook into Gaza at Niram</li> <li>• Kassam rockets "graveyard"</li> </ul>
1:15 PM	<i>Life under the Threat of Missiles</i> Visit and lunch at Kibbutz Kfar Aza Meet with local resident Chen Abrahams
2:30 PM	Depart
3:15 PM	<i>Israel's Missile Defense System</i> Visit to Iron Dome Battery Briefing by an IDF Officer -at Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Base
4:00 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
5:00 PM	<i>Regional Threats Overview</i> Coffee with Jonathan Spyer, Author - at the hotel
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00 PM	<i>Israelis from Different Walks of Life</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liat Dimoza, The Jewish Agency</li> <li>▪ Ari Eitan, Presentense</li> <li>▪ Dan Slyper, LGBTQ activist</li> </ul> - at Liliyot
9:30 PM	Overnight at Sheraton Tel Aviv Prepare for next day's departure

**Thursday, December 18, 2014**

7:30 AM	Check out
7:45 AM	Breakfast served - at the hotel
8:00 AM	<i>The Iranian Threat</i> Meeting with Dr. Emily Landau Senior Research Associate, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) - at the hotel

9:15 AM Depart / travel north

10:15 AM *Israel's Narrow Waist – Strategic Concerns*  
Briefing at the Alfei Menashe overlook

11:00 AM Depart

12:30 PM Lunch en route

1:30 PM Depart

2:00 PM *Israel's Northern Border Concerns – Part One*  
Briefing on the Israel-Lebanon Border  
-at Dovev outlook

2:45 PM Depart

En route briefings:

*The Jezreel Valley* – The strategic land bridge connecting Asia and Africa

*Upper Galilee* – Potential for development

3:30 PM *Tikkun Olam – Repairing the World*  
Medical Care for Syria's Wounded  
Visit to Ziv Medical Center

4:45 PM Depart

5:15 PM Check in to Nof Ginosar Hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00 PM Dinner  
- at Decks

9:30 PM Overnight at Nof Ginosar Tiberias  
Prepare for next day's departure

**Friday, December 19, 2014**

7:45 AM Check-out

8:00 AM Breakfast on own

8:45 AM Depart

- 9:00 AM      *Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee*  
 Tour of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee  
 - Galilee Boat Museum  
 - Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount  
 - St. Peter's Church  
 - Capernaum – Jesus' Village
- 11:00 AM      Depart for Golan Heights
- 12:00 PM      *Israel's Northern Border Concerns – Part Two*  
 Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria
- 1:30 PM      Lunch  
 - at Habokrim
- 3:00 PM      Depart  
 Travel back to Jerusalem
- En route briefings:
- Strategic survey – Israel's border with Jordan*
- The Jordan Valley – Israel's defensive buffer facing east*
- 6:00 PM      Check in to the Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem
- 7:15 PM      Depart for dinner
- 7:30 PM      *Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem*  
 Traditional Sabbath Eve dinner with Professor Gil Troy and family  
 - at their home in Jerusalem
- 10:00 PM      Overnight at the Inbal Jerusalem

**Saturday, December 20, 2014**

- 7:30 AM      Breakfast on own at the hotel
- 8:30 AM      Depart
- En route briefing:  
*Israel's experience in fighting the encroachment of desertification*
- 10:00 AM      *History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire*  
 Guided tour of the National Archeological Park at Masada

12:30 PM	<i>Exploration of the Dead Sea region</i> Lunch - at Hod Hotel
2:30 PM	Depart / travel back to Jerusalem
4:00 PM	Return to hotel / pack for departure Check out
5:30 PM	Depart for closing dinner
6:30 PM	<i>The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together</i> Closing dinner - at Ester's
8:30 PM	Dinner ends / depart for the airport
11:10 PM	Depart Tel Aviv

**Sunday, December 21, 2014**

4:30 AM	Arrive Newark
9:01 AM	Depart Newark
10:23 AM	Arrive Washington, D.C.